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1. FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS AGREED UPON AT THE END OF CIVIL
AIR DISCUSSIONS:

QUOTE AT THE REQUEST OF THE GUYANA GOVERNMENT,
DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICAN AND GUYANA COMMENCED DISCUSSIONS WITH A
VIEW TO CONCLUDING A BILATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

THESE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN TH GUYSTAC CONFERENCE ROOM,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, ON MONDAY 29TH JULY THROUGH TUESDAY 30TH
JULY, 1974 AT THE END OF WHICH CONSENSUS WAS REACHED ON A
NUMBER OF THE PROVISIONS OF A BILATERAL
AGREEMENT. IT WAS AGREED THAT FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE
PURSUED WITH A VIEW TO FINALISING OUTSTANDING ISSUES AT
THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. END QUOTE

2. US DELEGATION DEPARTED FOR PORT OF SPAIN ON JULY 30.

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3. DAILY CHRONICLE ON JULY 31 CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ON TALKS UNDER HEADING QUOTE GUYANA SEEKS NEW AIR PACT WITH USA END QUOTE. ARTICLE NOTED THAT FIRST ROUND OF MEETING COMPLETED WITH AGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF POINTS, THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE PURSUED WITH A VIEW TO FINALIZE OUTSTANDING ISSUES AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, LISTED PARTICIPANTS IN TALKS, NOTED THAT QUOTE OFFICIAL POSITION (OF GOG IS) THAT BILATERAL AGREEMENTS FOR AIR SERVICE CONCLUDED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WHEN THIS COUNTRY WAS STILL A COLONY (ARE) NO LONGER RECOGNIZED END QUOTE. ARTICLE ALSO STATED FOLLOWING QUOTE IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT INITIALLY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WAS NOT PARTICULARLY DISPOSED TO HOLDING TALKS ON THE MATTER ON THE GROUND THAT IT WAS SATISFIED WITH THE ARRANGEMENT CONCLUDED WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THE STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE END OF TALKS YESTERDAY HOWEVER GAVE THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT THIS STAND WAS NOW REVERSED AND THERE WAS OPTIMISM THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED WITHIN 12 MONTHS. END QUOTE. MATTHEWS

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